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INTEGRASE AND USE . . .

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO
COMPLY WITH THE SEQUENCE RULES**

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced Application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Also enclosed is a Marked-Up Amendment, a Sequence Listing and a diskette containing the Sequence Listing in computer readable format.

AMENDMENT

In the claims: Please amend claim 22 as follows:

22 (Twice amended). An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 4-10.

In the specification: Please replace the third full paragraph of page 13 with the following paragraph:

- -Degenerate PCR primers PR144 (5' TGCTTCGACGCCATCARGG3') (SEQ ID NO: 11) and PR145 (5'GTGGAAICCGCCGAACKCCGC3') (SEQ ID NO: 12) were designed